

31 July 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR: The Director

SUBJECT: Conversation with Searle Field

1. This morning I had a conversation with Searle Field growing out of the matters raised at the policy steering group on the afternoon of July 30.

2. With respect to transcripts, we discussed the appropriate security arrangements that will be made regarding the transcripts of executive sessions. Field seemed quite aware of the need to protect such documents. I explained to him that as we go further into hearings there may be some special procedures that we would suggest regarding particularly sensitive areas. He acknowledged this to be the case and we would discuss it further as we went along.

3. Regarding security of the room in which executive sessions would be held, I pointed out that our security people were concerned that someone at a public session could leave a listening device in the room. Further, we pointed out that it would be awkward to first have to empty the room of TV cameras, etc, and then sweep the room before the executive session could begin. He agreed and said that he would take up with the Chairman the feasibility of moving to a previously secured room for executive sessions.

4. Finally I pointed out that the recent request we had received from House Select Committee staffers Roeder and Sheketoff used January 1, 1960 as the starting date for documents in a number of requests and with respect to proprietaries, "since the establishment of the Agency." I pointed out to Field that the Chairman at our first meeting used 1 January 1960 but reversed himself the following day and used 1 January 1961 as a starting point. Field said he would look into it and as an aside that the 1 January 1961 date gave the committee the ability to examine two republican and two democratic administrations and consequently was probably the date that Congressman Pike intended. Field also volunteered that he would, at least at the outset, have his staff requests funnelled through him before they came over to us.

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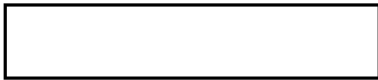
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5. HSC SECURITY. O/S has approved the HSC storage facilities as adequate for temporary storage of compartmented top secret materials. Field requested that these be addressed specifically to him first, or, if he was not available, to Boos or Flint, in that order. Thus the flow of materials to the HSC can begin. (DD/OS, ADD/S&T, ADDO, ADDI, ADDA, IG, OLC, AD/IC)

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